



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

BRANCHING OUT #2

AAUW-Penobscot Valley Branch

OUR BRANCH'S MARCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

MARGARET CHASE SMITH POLICY CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

THE PROGRAM: THE COMMUNITY OF CARING COLLABORATIVE

Building Opportunities for Families Through Collaboration

The Community Caring Collaborative (CCC) in Washington County brings together partners to increase services, supports, and opportunities for valuable community members.

CHARLEY MARTIN-BERRY IS (CCC'S) CO-DIRECTOR. She will share a brief history of the collaborative as well as describe a CCC-incubated program for increasing educational and family life success for parents and their children called, Family Futures Downeast.

OUR TRIAD: Ruth Lockhart, Sharon Ashworth, Susan Wishkoski

Charley has an interesting bio. that Ruth sent me: In her role as co-director of CCC, Charley helps lead this 44-partner collaboration that works to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations in Washington County. She leads the design and funding efforts for a two-generation, family life skills educational opportunity called Family Futures Downeast coordinates the Hope Fund, a financial resource for CCC one of ten White House Rural Council Rural IMPACT projects in the nation. She also partners working with families with young children.

Charley first joined the CCC in 2008, as the coordinator and lead teacher for the Passages High School diploma program for young parents, developed by Wayfinder Schools and offered at the time through the Cobscook Community Learning Center. In 2011, Charley became part of the CCC's Council, the advisory and policy-making group for the collaborative. She joined the CCC staff in 2012. Charley is interested in the study of leadership and was a member of J.T. Gorman Foundation's Leadership Fellowship inaugural cohort. She currently serves on the boards of Axiom Education and Training and Child and Family Opportunities. Prior to her work in Washington County, Charley worked in nonprofit organizations in fundraising and administrative positions in the Blue Hill area.

Charley was graduated from Washington Academy and the University of Maine with a degree in Anthropology and Women 's Studies. While at Maine and working in the Women's Resource Center, she spent three years coordinating a weekly support and activist group for adolescent girls in the greater Bangor area called "United Sisters". In June of this year, Charley will become the director of the Community Caring Collaborative as CCC founder, Marjorie Withers enters retirement. With a focus on building collective impact across systems and fostering transformational community change, Charley hopes to build on strengths and successes of the Community Caring Collaborative (CCC) to continue to improve lives Downeast.

Sounds like an excellent program. I live all summer in Washington County. I see the need for such programs there. And it seems that she is not next door so she will have to travel. So, mark your calendars and hopefully we will have a good member turnout.



OUR PAGE

TREASURER -JOCELYN RUNNEBAUM

Here, again, is Jocelyn's address to send in Book Sale donations
485 County Rd. Apt. 2 Milford, Me 04461

MEMBERSHIP -SHARON ASHWORTH

Sharon is doing triple duty this winter and spring as Membership Chair, Book Sale Chair, and Scholarship reader with Melba Wallace, who takes care of the High School scholarships.

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS-SHARON A.

The scholarship applications and posters have been sent to the local colleges and universities. Applications are already coming in. We plan to honor the winners at our Annual Meeting in May. We are able to give these scholarships because we have had great Book Sales...and this April we hope to do even better.



Our Book Sale is April 9, 2016
CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP
Our sort/work week is Tuesday-Friday

The plans underway for our "65" financially important Book Sale are exciting! So exciting, that I will list them again...and there is talk of doing something special as this is our 65th! Sharon Ashworth, our Book Sale chair, has decided to revive and improve some of the popular events of Book Sales past. Susan Wishkoski has taken under her wing "The Dirty Book Party", where-in Sharon's words-"we will sort books, have a bite to eat, and have some fun!" Maybe we will really find a "dirty book" as we did the first year we did that activity. Usually held after work on Wednesday and into early evening, it also affords working members a feeling they have made a contribution to the sale.

One of the most popular aspects we have had in the past was a special children's room and mascot. (Remember Melba Wallace as a clown?) Well I'm not certain about a mascot, but Dora McCarthy has volunteered to take care of the children's corner with lots of fun ideas to attract children with the provision that they must be with an adult.

Lots of ideas are fine, to really make this a truly successful Book Sale

WE NEED LOTS MORE BOOKS!

Collections of books is progressing well. We have filled Karen Boucias' barn and are now using the basement of Fernald Hall. Sharon asks that we please remember to save our used books and ask our family and friends to do the same. The goal is to have each of us bring in three bags of books by April. Karen's telephone number is 866-4348.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

LOTS OF BOOKS!



Peggy Hallee will again be getting in touch with all members, hopefully by reaching you on the phone.

I plan to start calling the week of March 13th. Thank you

I will be inviting you to pick a "sort" day (s) Tuesday the 5th through Friday the 8th, including "The Dirty Book Party". Then we need some sellers, general helpers and clean-up for Saturday, and I put that schedule together as well. So please look at your April calendar now and see what times you can put aside to volunteer. I also need some desserts for the Snack Bar. Sharon has decided to keep the donations basket for the snack bar. I feel that we make as much-if not more- than when we charged for the food. From a sanitizing perspective, we also are not handling food and money. If you feel you can do none of the above, **I will ask you to make a donation, which you can send to our treasurer, Jocelyn Runnebaum, 485 County Road, Milford, ME 04461. Thank you.** Since we've retired and left Orono I am physically not able to see many of you. So I enjoy this little slice of communication.

I am delighted to announce that Susan Wishkoski will be helping me with preparing and serving the food.

And remember: **BOOKS!**

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IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT AAUW FOR BUSY WOMEN LIKE US!

REACHING OUT TO HUSSON

Dora McCarthy reached out to Husson University and Jane Jarvi from Husson came to the December Leadership Team Meeting. She has joined National and AAUW Maine and is being encouraged to join our Branch. Jane is our AAUW liaison at Husson University.

BRANCH MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Fran Haines is on the AAUW Maine nominating committee.

Jocelyn Runnebaum will represent our branch from a STEM field.

Dora McCarthy will be posting National and State news to our Branch web page.

. EQUAL PAY DAY IS APRIL 12 -LET'S ORGANIZE SOMETHING FUN AND MEANINGFUL!

Susan Landry writes," Anyone with suggestions for putting together a local Equal Pay Day event, please get in touch with me ASAP, or with another leadership team member. That's right after our Book Sale which may sap much of our energy-but maybe we can make that work for us! If nothing else, perhaps we can distribute information at the sale. **Ideas anyone?"** Susan's campus phone is 581-1509.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH IDEA

Here's an idea from our newest Outlook Magazine: **SCREEN FEMINIST MOVIES IN OUR COMMUNITY**. We can spotlight women's stories-for little or no cost-and offer compelling programming for our branch at the same time. Two AAUW Programs in a Box, (Engage Your Community-Screen a Movie and Spark Discussion and Action on Global Issues), outline which movies AAUW members have free or low-cost access to and will give us step by step instructions on how to set up a screening. Through these films we could start community discussions about Title IX, child marriage, girls' education, and other topics that help further AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls. We could take advantage of this opportunity to screen critically acclaimed and relevant films such as, *The Invisible War*, *Miss Representation*, *He named me Malala*, and many others. Branches have used films to fundraise, to host panel discussions with experts, and to recruit new members. Programs in a Box can be found at www.aauw.org/resource/programs-in-a-box.

OUR BASKET FOR OUR AAUW MAINE CONVENTION

Have you been thinking about what you might contribute to the Penobscot Valley Branch basket for the AAUW Maine raffle? The theme this year of our basket is: Local support of Maine goods. If you can offer something from your kitchen, your kiln, your garden, your workbench, your easel, your stitching or knitting nook etc., please get in touch with Susan Landry or tell Peggy Hallee when she calls you for the book sale. We are all being asked to contribute one local Maine item. The raffle profits go into the National AAUW funds....and as Susan wrote: "**An empty basket won't sell many tickets!**"



SAVE THESE DATES FOR OUR TWO
SPRING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP

OUR ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING:

"A DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA"

Our scholarship recipients, and possibly Abbie Strout, our Achievement Citation Award Nominee, will be invited.

(Editor's note: "Ruth Lockhart sent a comprehensive bio. of Abbie, which due to the length of this newsletter, I decided to include in the April, "Branching Out", which will come out in late March".)

There will also be more on the annual meeting in future newsletters. Dues should be paid at this meeting.

AAUW MAINE CONVENTION

MAY 20-21, 2016

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY, CASTINE

- Dora McCarthy will be sworn in as President of AAUW Maine.
- A banquet with awards and recognition of the Achievement Award winner.
- A conference for 9-10 high school girls interested in STEM fields is in the planning stages'
- Overnight accommodations are on the Maine Maritime Academy campus.
- A complete schedule plus registration material will be in the AAUW Maine "Dawnbreaker" this spring.



WOMEN OF THE WORLD 12:00

MARCH 14, 2016, CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP

EGYPTIAN CULTURE AND CAKE DESIGN